



# Delinquency Prevention Grant Kickoff

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# Overview



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# Why we're here



Iowa's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (JJAC) serves as the State Advisory Group to oversee the state's Title II formula grant program funds and compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

The Iowa Department of Human Rights Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning applied and was awarded \$1.542 million in Delinquency Prevention grant funding from the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to expand pre-charge diversion in Iowa over the next 5 years.

The JJAC has invested an additional \$52,000 for a total contribution of **\$1,594,000.**



# Purpose and vision of funding



The **goal** of the Delinquency Prevention grants program is to help youth avoid involvement in delinquency by reducing risk factors and enhancing protective factors in their schools, communities, and families.

Iowa's strategy towards this goal is to invest in the development of new or expanded pre-charge diversion programs.

What is meant by pre-charge diversion?

Pre-charge diversion programs are interventions that law enforcement and communities utilize as an alternative to juvenile court processing or the imposition of formal charges against low-risk youth.



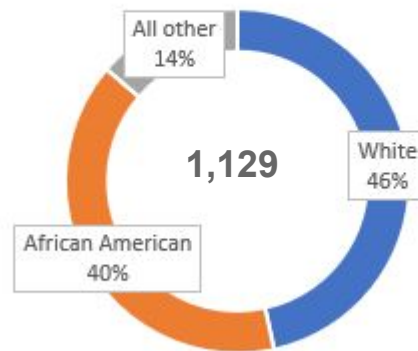
# Why pre-charge diversion?

## We have a roadmap

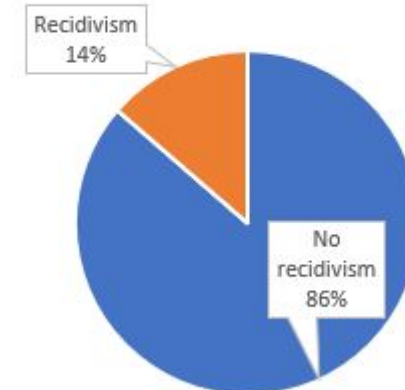
Development of a toolkit by the Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP) in 2019 to support scale up of pre-charge diversion across Iowa

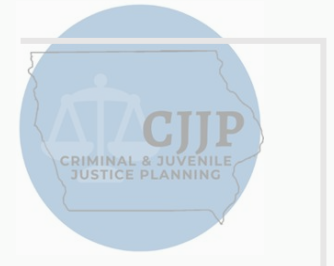
## We know it works

Total youth served in Pre-Charge Diversion  
(2015-2021)



Recidivism for youth served in Pre-Charge  
Diversion (2015-2021)





# Presentation and Q&A with current pre-charge diversion community stakeholders

Johnson County  
Des Moines Second Chance  
Fort Dodge

*Please put your questions in the chat box*



# Eligible Applicants



Competitive sub-awards will be made to local units of government to develop, implement, or expand pre-charge diversion programs in communities with particular consideration for those with:

- High number of juvenile complaints of simple misdemeanor allegations
- High racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system
- High poverty

The applicant for awards must be local units of government which include: any city, county, township, town or other general purpose political subdivision of a state.





# Estimated timeline for funding release/application submission



- We will use the Iowa Grants system for the sub-award application process
- The delinquency prevention funding opportunity release will be announced through the Department of Human Rights social media page, website, and will appear on IowaGrants.
- We anticipate a 60 day response period once the funding opportunity is released and that funds will be available beginning July 1, 2022.
- Receiving and responding to questions will be facilitated through an FAQ document posted to our website.
- We will award a maximum of \$700,000 to be used over 2.5 years and will release another competitive process in 2024
  - Communities can apply for a maximum award of \$50,000/ year (total award= \$125,000)





# Timeline - Both Rounds of Funding



## 1st Round (At least 5 recipients)



## 2nd Round (At least 5 recipients)



# Application Elements



## 1. Demonstration of need

- Examination of juvenile allegations in the proposed community
- Prevalence of poverty and racial and ethnic disparities for youth who come in contact with the juvenile justice system in the proposed community.

## 2. Community readiness

- Demonstrate plans to cultivate partnerships with school districts, law enforcement agencies, and other youth serving organizations
- Consideration for partnerships that could expand the reach of services to youth in surrounding rural areas.



# Application Elements



## 3. Stakeholder advisory group

- Local units of government (applicant) will establish or use an existing advisory group to monitor and support PCD efforts.
- At a minimum, the group should be made up of youth and family members, law enforcement, Juvenile Court Services, schools, nonprofit youth service and support organizations, and leaders from community organizations.



# Application Elements

## 4. Target population, eligibility criteria, and referral processes

- At minimum, the target program population should include all youth under age 18 with low level allegations (e.g. simple misdemeanors).
- Applicants may include additional PCD program eligibility criteria including youth under 18 with subsequent low level allegations (e.g., disorderly conduct or theft) or age specific program strategies (e.g. under age 13).
- Detail the process that will be used to refer youth to PCD and the role of various partners including law enforcement and schools in facilitating these referrals.
- Applicants will detail how they will handle any instances of youth non-compliance with PCD in a manner that does not subject youth to justice system involvement.



# Application Elements



## 5. Identification of Program Model(s)

- Cautioning and warning programs
- Civil citation programs
- Service coordination based programs
- Skill building classes or programs (individual & small group)
- Restorative justice based programs
  - victim-youth mediation
  - family group conferencing
  - community service



# Application Elements



## 6. Data Collection Plan

- Determine the extent to which the program is effectively engaging youth of color, girls, and other targeted groups of youth
- Entry of program data into the CJJP statewide PCD web-based data portal
- Ongoing review of data with the stakeholder advisory group

## 7. Sustainability

- Describe strategies to ensure funded programs are able to be sustained beyond the life of the grant funds
- Participate in ongoing training and technical assistance coordinated by CJJP.



# Application Elements



CJJP statewide PCD web-based data portal

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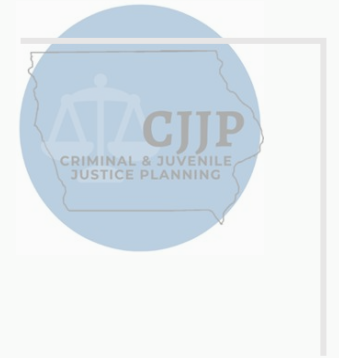


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## 7. Performance measures

- Number of youth referred to the program
- Number of youth who complete the program successfully/ unsuccessfully
- Number of youth with increased/ improved protective factors (e.g. self esteem, family relationships, school participation, etc.)
- Number of youth who participate in pre-charge diversion programs that have a JCS complaint filed within one year.



# Wrap up and Q&A

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